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**Dear Joe,**

**EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION NO: 90423673.0**
**OUR FILE: 31787**

Following our recent telephone conversation I have prepared and filed a response to the outstanding official letter. A copy of that response is enclosed for your file.

You will see that I have re-cast the independent claim in 'characterised' form based on US 3200819 (Gilbert). This document has been acknowledged at page 2. I have introduced language into Claim 1 which defines more clearly the temperature to which the flavor-generating medium is heated. However, I have resisted amending the expression which refers to how many of the charges are heated at any one time. I have argued that the embodiment falls within this expression and that no amendment is necessary. The Examiner may come back to us on this point.

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I shall let you know when I hear anything further from The European Patent Office.

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